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SUBJ: USE OF AUTHORS' ROYALTIES TO FINANCE VISITS OF YOUNG
AMERICAN WRITERS

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1. P AND C COUNSELOR DISCUSSED SUBJECTS VONNEGUT PROPOSAL AND
AKSYENOV INVITATION FEBRUARY 13 WITH WRITERS UNION SECRETARY GENERAL
FEDORENKO.

2. FEDORENKO WAS CHARMINGLY HARD-LINE NEGATIVE ON VONNEGUT.
HE WISHED TO MAKE POINT THAT THERE WERE NO SUCH "ROYALTIES"
PRIOR TO SOVIET ADHERENCE TO COPYRIGHT CONVENTION. ANY SUCH
MONIES PAID HERETOFORE HAD BEEN CULTURAL LARGESSE OF WRITERS
UNION. MATTER WAS REALLY IN COMPETENCE OF VAAP AND HE HAD
PASSED VONNEGUT LETTER THERE. BESIDES, VONNEGUT HAD, HE SAID,
PUBLISHED THE PROPOSAL WITHOUT CONSULTATION IN P.E.N. NEWSLETTER
WHICH MILITATED AGAINST HIS OR WRITERS UNION COOPERATION.

3. HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL, IN A SIMILAR VEIN, ON AKSYENOV
INVITATION FROM UCLA, PONDEROUSLY EXPRESSING HIS SURPRISE
THAT AKSYENOV, WHOM HE KNEW AS A WIRTER, SHOULD NOW BE
REFERRED TO AS A "PROFESSOR." WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS
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SEEMED LIKE A LEGITIMATE EXCHANGE INITIATIVE, GIVEN THE

CURRENT STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND ONE WHICH THE EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO SUPPORT, HE DID SAY THAT HE WAS STILL CONSIDERING THE PROJECT.

4. IN REGARD TO REFTTEL (B), EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AFTER SHORT PERIOD TO RAISE IDEA OF USE OF ROYALTIES FOR VISITING AMERICAN AUTHORS. HOWEVER, SOVIETS SEEM LIKELY TO TAKE SIMILAR LINE THAT NO ROYALTIES EXIST. ANOTHER POINT THEY MAY MAKE IS THAT U.S. COULD SEND AUTHORS UNDER OFFICIAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, AND SOVIETS NORMALLY PAY INTERNAL COSTS IF THEY ACCEPT PROPOSED VISIT.

5. IF DEPT. KNOWS OF SPECIFIC AMERICAN AUTHORIS WHO HAVE HAD RUBLE ROYALTIES COMMITTED TO THEM BY SOVIETS, PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS. FYI: ERSKINE CALDWELL LEFT 2,300 RUBLES IN SEALED ENVELOPE IN EMBASSY SAFEKEEPING, WITH CHARGE DUBS' APPROVAL, ON FEB. 13, 1973. IN ACCOMPANYING LETTER, HE SAID, "I MAY DURING COURSE OF YEAR AUTHORIZE YOU TO USE SOME OR ALL OF THIS MONEY FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS VISITING MOSCOW." NO SUCH AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM CALDWELL IN INTERIM. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR FUND IN APPROPRIATE MANNER, AND DEPT. MAY WISH TO ASK CALDWELL IF HE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A PROGRAM AS DEPT. SUGGESTS.
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